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NEGROES PREPARE TO ATTEND BALL

Black People Buy Tickets for Social Functions of Inauguration.

NEGRO CAVALRY TO BE IN PARADE

Colored Women Said to be Having Gowns Made for Swell Event on Saturday Night. Washington Likely to be Overcrowded—Some Enormous Prices.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The chairman of one of the committees, which have in charge all arrangements for the inauguration of President Roosevelt Saturday, stated today that more than one hundred tickets had been sold negroes who propose to attend the inaugural ball in the Pension building on Saturday night. The head of a well known dry goods establishment in this city says that some of his saleswomen have told him that negro women who have purchased dress goods recently have said they were having gowns made for the inaugural ball. This is in confirmation of the rumor current early last week. Correspondents of Northern papers are taking up the matter and several prominent papers of New York and elsewhere in the North and West will print stories to this effect tomorrow.

The Ninth Cavalry, a colored regiment, will be one of the most prominent of the regular organizations in the inaugural parade.

Judson W. Lyons, colored, registrar of the treasury, said today that he looked upon this as being the first inauguration in which the negro citizens of the United States would have a part commensurate with the importance of the colored man of the country in the citizenship.

Everything Crowded.

It is impossible to secure a room at a single one of a half-dozen leading hotels in Washington. This condition has existed for several nights and it is said that the same state of affairs exists at many cheaper hotels, and some of the apartment houses, not classed as hotels. The inauguration crowds have not yet invaded the boarding-houses, but inquiry elicits the fact that many of the sleeping spaces in several hundred of these have been taken.

There are indications that this will be the most largely attended of any inauguration in the history of the country. The prices which will be charged are enormous. Single windows, fronting on the Pennsylvania Avenue, being rented at prices running from \$75 to \$150, to be occupied only during the hours of the parade. One room with three windows, rented for \$300. The front window of the New Willard costs \$50, and no more is to be had.

Enormous Prices.

The prices of mounts for the parade have gone out of sight. It is said that a pair of saddle horses to be ridden from the Capitol to the White House for \$10. Those liveries who took that price are now being laughed at by their competitors, who are asking and getting in some instances, as much as three times that sum. It is said that as many as 25,000 in number, have been taken. The prices run from \$2 to \$4 and \$5.

The indications are that Washington is going to be badly overcrowded. While, as stated, demands have not yet been made upon the private houses, many landlords have engaged all their rooms to expectant visitors. Boarding-house prices have been advanced but little in comparison with the advance in hotel charges. Standing room at the curb along Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House, will be fought for on Saturday.

This and Another.

The inauguration of President Roosevelt is going to be the most brilliant and the most largely attended of any in the history of the country. Even the most remote of the territories and the Philippines, and Porto Rico, will have representatives in the great parade.

The shouting and the tumult, the waving flags, the roll of drums, the marching military and citizenry—all the pomp and circumstance which are being arranged to mark the inauguration of President Roosevelt—have the effect of calling to mind that other inauguration of very nearly the greatest statesman who ever occupied the White House, the simple Virginia gentleman, who rode up from his Albemarle home the day before he was to take the oath of office, spent the night at one of the few taverns in Washington at a good price, and the next morning, judged along the street to the Executive Mansion, at the head of a company of military, took the oath, made a speech, the wisdom of which still impresses every citizen of the republic, and then went into the dining room with a few friends and a good, old-fashioned, much-needed day dinner. That was Thomas Jefferson's way.

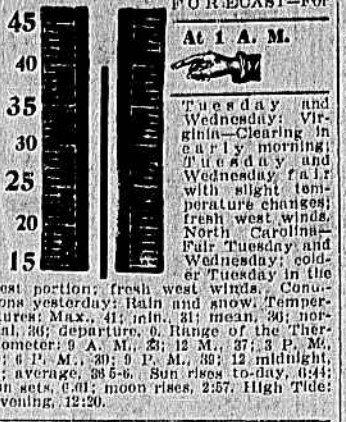
NO SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS IN PARADE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—W. H. Kearfoot, commander of the Department of Northern Virginia, Sons of Confederate Veterans, is a letter to the Inaugural Committee, expressed regret that the time was too short to get together a detachment of Sons of Confederate Veterans to march in the inaugural parade.

Tria Begins.

(By Associated Press.) AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 27.—Trial of Warren R. Moore, district attorney of this district, upon the charge of having been bribed in office by John H. Kirby, the lumber baron of Texas, began here today.

POINTER ON THE WEATHER



ELEVEN KILLED DURING FUNERAL

Floor of Negro Church Collapsed and Congregation Went Down.

NEARLY FIFTY PEOPLE INJURED

Survivors Fought Madly to Reach the Windows, Through Which Many Leaped and Were Seriously Hurt. Building Was Ancient Ramshackle Affair.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Eleven persons were killed, and upwards of fifty injured, some probably fatally by the collapse of the floor of the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn to-night. Of those killed, eight were women, two men and one child.

The building was an ancient, ramshackle frame structure, erected fifty years ago in the heart of the colored district of Brooklyn, on Fleet Street, near Myrtle Avenue. Arrangements had been made to hold funeral services of Sydney Tanner, one of the older members of the church, and the auditorium, which is on the second floor of the building, the ground floor being used for the Sunday school, was crowded with an audience of upwards of 300 persons, of whom the majority were women. The congregation was waiting in silence for the arrival of the body, and Pastor Jacobs was awaiting the summons to meet the funeral procession at the door, when a sharp cracking of timber was heard. And in an instant the half of the auditorium nearest the door collapsed, carrying down more than a hundred persons who were crushed in the wreckage of the floor and pews. A great volume of dust for a few moments hid from view the victims.

The remainder of the audience finding themselves cut off from the door and expecting every instant that the rest of the floor would collapse under them, fought madly to reach the windows, and in some instances leaped from them and sustained serious injuries.

On the arrival of the police and firemen, the work of rescue began. Those remaining uninjured on the portion of the floor remaining intact, were taken from the windows by ladders. Those lying in the mass of wreckage in the lower floor could only be got at after the firemen had hewed their way to them with axes. Out of the wreck eight bodies were recovered and taken to a station house, and about thirty removed to the Brooklyn Hospital, where three women died soon after being admitted. The cause of the collapse was the decayed condition of the beams and supports of the floor.

Nelson the Favorite.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Feb. 27.—Betting on the result of the twenty-round bout between young Corbett and "Barling" Nelson to-morrow night has settled to 10 to 8 against Corbett. Efforts to secure even money failed, and Nelson was installed favorite. Favorable reports come from both training camps. John Welch, of San Francisco, will probably be referee.

CONDEMNED MEN TO BE BAPTIZED IN A BATH TUB

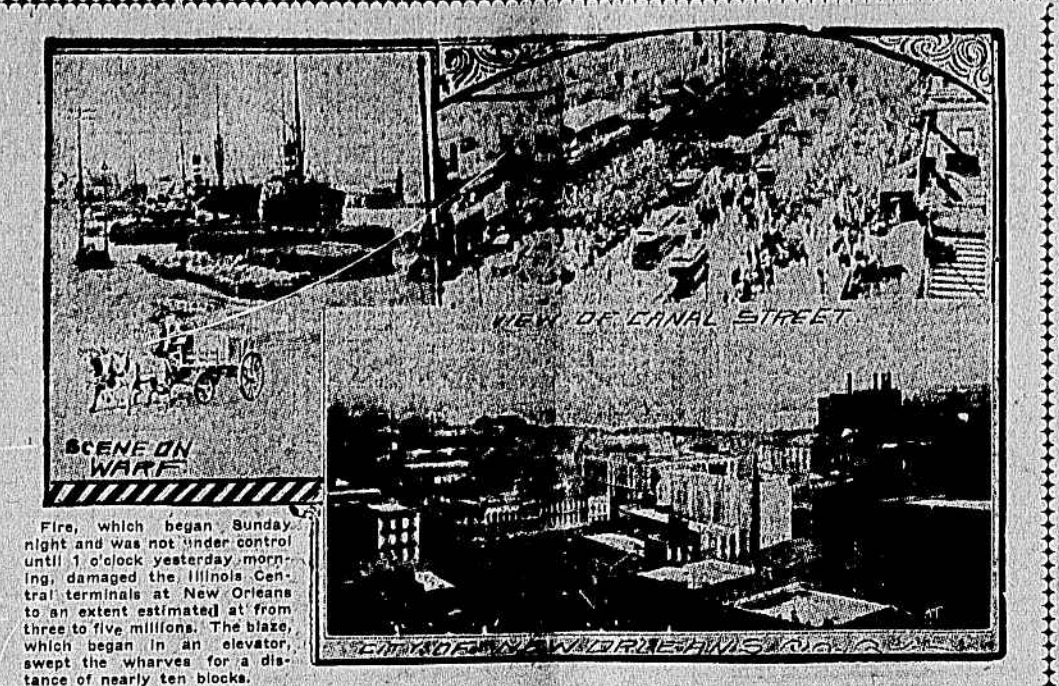
Unusual Ceremony in the Henrico Jail Yard at Noon To-day.

The two condemned negroes, Peter Daney and Edward Austin, who are to be hanged on the 14th of March at Henrico county jail, are to be baptized at noon to-day in the jail yard. The baptism will be in the large jail bath tub, and the ceremony will be performed by the two colored preachers who have been in attendance upon the prisoners almost daily. The two negroes have professed religion and are apparently ready to meet their Maker. Only a few persons will be permitted to witness the ceremony. The people at the jail do not think much of Daney's chances of escaping the gallows.

Oil in Alabama.

(By Associated Press.) MOBILE, A. A., Feb. 27.—Authentic information reached the city tonight that oil has been found in the lower end of Baldwin county. A well has been sunk 500 feet and Saturday oil was pumped out. New machinery has been ordered. Experts declare the conditions identical with those at Jennings, La.

SCENES IN NEW ORLEANS WHERE FIRE CAUSED DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT 3 TO 5 MILLIONS



OFFICERS OF NEW BANK ARE CHOSEN

Mr. Sands President, Mr. A. R. Holladay Vice-President.

STRONG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Financial Institution for Broad Street Has Excellent Backing.

Mr. Oliver J. Sands was selected president, and Mr. A. R. Holladay, vice-president of the new "Bank of Commerce and Trust" on yesterday.

Mr. Sands is well known in financial circles as the president of the American National Bank. Mr. Holladay has been for a number of years connected with the Virginia Car Service Association.

A meeting of the stockholders of the bank was held yesterday afternoon in the new quarters of the bank in the American National Bank building. The officers mentioned were unanimously elected and the following directors: Messrs. A. Randolph Holladay, Jonathan Bryan, Charles Cotesworth Plunket, Joseph E. Willard, John Stewart Bryan, Oliver J. Sands, William J. Payne, Emmett Seaton, Charles E. Wingo, Edgar G. Gunn, Philip Whitlock, R. H. Harwood, Jackson Guy, Robert Lecky, Jr., Charles Hutzler, H. D. Elcheiberg, William C. Schmidt, Moses Thalhimer, J. B. Fleishburne, R. H. Lynn.

The capital stock was fixed at \$200,000. It was decided that the home office should be in the American National Bank building on the Tenth Street floor. The location for the branch on Broad Street has not yet been selected.

A Strong Backing.

It is apparent that a stronger and more substantial board of directors from point of financial ability and influence and business ability, could not be secured in the city and this new institution will be assigned the duty of bettering the lot of the great banks which are making Richmond the financial center of the South. A very satisfactory arrangement has been perfected by which this new bank acquires the business of the Richmond Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company, Richmond, Va., Feb. 25, 1905. Under a resolution of the stockholders of that company:

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GIANT RAILROAD DEAL SAID TO BE PENDING

Vanderbilt-Rockefeller-Harriman Combination Would Represent Capital of \$3,000,000,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Wall Street grew excited to-day over the report, centering around a purchase of 40,000 shares of Southern Pacific by Kuhn, Loeb and Company, that the Vanderbilts, Rockefellers and Harriman are on the verge of combining their interests. Harriman is the central figure in it all while back of him loom John D. Rockefeller and William K. Vanderbilt.

As outlined, the plan is to combine all of the routes controlled by these financiers in a holding company that will represent a combined capital of nearly \$3,000,000,000, or more than twice the capitalization of the steel trust.

Such a combination would control nearly 50,000 miles of track, comprising in its tremendous sweep such famous lines as the New York Central, the Lake Shore, the Michigan Central, Chicago and North-western, Union Pacific, Southern and Central Pacific, Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, New York and Harlem and the Delaware and Hudson, representing a capitalization of \$2,500,000,000 in stocks and bonds. In addition to all this is a large interest in Reading and Northern Securities.

LABOR UNION HAS DONE GREAT GOOD

President Gompers Addresses Large Audience at Academy of Music.

HOW TO AVERT THE STRIKE

The Better Prepared Unions Are the Less Likely Troubles Become.

Liberty without power is a misnomer. Organizations, like individuals in a court, have the right to be heard by counsel.

Organized labor is a constructive not destructive force in its aims.

In the commercial world the seller fixes the price; in labor the buyer fixes it. Those who are to be beneficiaries of an agreement ought to be parties to it.

Organized labor does not favor strikes; it seeks to avert them.

The better we are prepared to strike, the less occasion we will have to resort to that luxury.

Unions do not seek to establish a uniform wage; they seek to establish a minimum wage, a life line.

The ethics of the professions of law and medicine correspond to the workmen's union card—Epi-grammatic expressions of Mr. Samuel Gompers.

Inclement weather may have militated somewhat against the attendance at the Academy of Music last night to hear Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; it did not, however, prevent a large audience from attending. The crowd comfortably filled the auditorium, and not a few sat in the galleries. It was an audience representative of Richmond's population; not merely its organized labor, but through it, the body of the citizens. Among those present were a number of ladies, and they were among the most attentive listeners.

Among those seated on the platform were Governor Montague, Lieutenant Governor Willard, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Messrs. L. O. Vendenburg, F. W. Cunningham, R. H. Spence, C. O. Saville, E. C. Polkes, Rev. M. Ashby Jones, Thomas Whitall, Sr., Labor Commissioner J. B. Doherty, Theo. Nelson, George Guvornator, John Krug, Postmaster Wray T. Knight, Sol. Hofheimer, John H. Frischkorn, Aug. Dietz, W. S. Copeland, Alfred B. Williams, John L. Grubbs, W. H. Muller, John Ruth, C. V. Rudd, Colonel M. L. Spotswood, J. R. Sheppard, Rev. W. R. L. Smith, Dr. S. C. Gardner, N. J. Smith, H. C. Glenn, Rev. L. M. Morcer, Julian W. Tyler, Ben T. August, L. L. Jenkins, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, Charles B. Davis and a number of citizens identified with the city's progress.

Vessel Damaged.

The ruins of the fire smoldered all day, and two engines were kept at the scene to protect surrounding residential property. Including the Crescent City plant, the police have compiled a loss of approximately forty buildings, mostly occupied by laborers, which were destroyed with an estimated loss of \$100,000. Earlier estimates of the damage to shipping were modified to-day, the principal sufferer being the Loyland Liner Indiana, on which the loss is \$45,000.

Officials of the fire department said to-day that the fire might have been extinguished in its inception if the streets leading to the docks had not been closed by the authority of the Council and long lines of freight cars had not been packed on the tracks. It was impossible for either the engine or the firemen to get through until too late to be of service. Chief O'Connor said one of the results of the fire would doubtless be to force the city to provide a modern fire boat for the harbor. He said the disaster could have been averted, if there had been one. Some distress is reported.

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(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Miss Mary Catherine Mulvey, an heiress, was murdered to-day by Daniel Herman, a policeman, whose love she had refused. The crime was committed in the most fashionable part of Michigan Boulevard at a time when the avenue was filled with pedestrians and carriages. Herman, after killing the young woman, escaped, and to-night committed suicide in a lodging house by shooting himself through the brain with the same revolver with which he had killed Miss Mulvey.

The young woman was returning from St. James parish school, where she frequently acted as a substitute teacher, when she met Herman, who had evidently been waiting for her.

Herman became infatuated with the girl through hearing her play at St. James Catholic Church, where she was organist, and he had for a long time annoyed her with his attentions, constantly urging her to marry him. Miss Mulvey had refused him repeatedly, and had told several of her friends a short time ago that he had threatened to kill her unless she married him.

CRESCENT CITY SWEEPED BY FLAMES

Nearly Ten Blocks of Illinois Central Wharves Destroyed by Fire.

LOSS THREE TO FIVE MILLIONS

Streets Leading to Docks Blocked by Order of Council. Engines Were Useless.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—Complete figures of the loss involved in the destruction of the Stuyvesant docks of the Illinois Central, it was announced by local officials of the company to-day, will not be available until an inspection of the books of the docks is finished. Fortunately all of these were saved. To-day local freight agents, Cousins and the office force went to work on them and Mr. Cousins announced to-night that it might be possible to-morrow to give the result.

The value of the wharves, sheds, warehouses, elevators and truckage is known roughly, but the number of cars and the quantity of merchandise destroyed cannot be given until the inspection is concluded. In the meantime estimates of the loss vary between Superintendent Dunn's figures of \$3,000,000 and General Freight Agent Perkins's aggregate of \$5,000,000.

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(By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.—A special to the Times from Jefferson City, Mo., says: At a caucus to-night, attended by sixty members of the Legislature who have been voting for Thomas K. Nedorzhingov for United States senator, Mr. Nedorzhingov said he would resign his position if Kerens were elected. He said he would agree to a candidate other than R. U. Keven.

Two More Bodies Recovered. (By Associated Press.) BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 27.—With the recovery to-day of two more bodies in the Virginia mine, the search for last Monday's disaster work had to be abandoned until repairs could be made on the pumps.

The total number recovered is now 106, but rescuers are positive that six more men are in the mine. The odor from the decomposed bodies remaining is becoming almost unendurable.

Judge Watson Here. Judge Walter A. Watson, of Nottoway county, was in the city yesterday, as was a visitor at the State Library Building, as was Mr. C. C. Richmond, treasurer of Wise county, Va.

PRINCES THROG NEW CATHEDRAL

Church, Ablaze With Scarlet and Gold, Resemble Reception Hall.

WILL BE MECCA FOR PROTESTANTS

Kaiser, Surrounded by Royalty, Attends Dedication—American Clergy Send Telegram of Congratulations—Ambassadors, Cabinet Officers and Diplomats Present.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Emperor William's mecca for Protestants, the evangelical cathedral here, was consecrated to-day in the presence of a most brilliant assemblage, among whom were delegates from all the Protestant nations. The service was simple and stately and was enriched with wonderful music. Bishop Potter, of New York, and a number of American clergy sent a telegram of congratulation to the Emperor.

The nave was filled with some hundreds of well known personalities of one of the most worldly courts in Europe, clad in scarlet and gold, blue and white, black and yellow and a maze of other color combinations. The ambassadors and their wives, including Mr. and Mrs. Tower, and the first bench below the chancel with Chancellor Von Bülow in the center. Behind them were the diplomats of lesser rank, members of the Cabinet and foreign clergy. The Emperor and Empress having upon one side of them Prince Arthur, of Connaught, and on the other Crown Prince Frederick, of Denmark, with thirty-two princes and princesses of German States, sat in the galleries opposite the altar, attended by heralds in parti-colored costumes with enormous plumed hats. The whole scene with the sunlight pouring from the dome on the white interior with gilded capitals and mosaics suggested a grand and majestic reception in the great white hall of a palace rather than a religious service. Indeed, the court preacher, almsed delegates to the presence of Protestant delegates from other countries and to the message from the American clergy, which testified to the spiritual unity of Protestants throughout the world. He suggested it was the Emperor's desire to be to the protector of the faith.

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JAPS HALT AFTER CROSSING RIVER

Russian Supports Come Up In Time to Check Advance.

BOMBARDMENT OF MUKDEN HAS BEGUN

In Bloody Fight at Da Pass Japanese Fail to Dislodge the Enemy—State Department Denies Peace Talk—Gorky Released and Rearrested.

(By Associated Press.) MUKDEN, Feb. 27.—The Japanese crossed the Shinko River last evening, having driven in the pickets of the Russian vanguard. Russian supports came up and stopped the Japanese advance. On the right flank all is quiet, but movements of the Japanese indicate an intention of attacking the Russian center, at least in the way of a demonstration. Heavy firing continued to-day to the eastward.

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